for restraining the Government from terminating the licence agreement and in any manner invoking or making any demand or receiving any money under the bank guarantees

Showing women in a vulgar manner

2096 SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI
SHRI LAJPAT RAI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to showing women in a vulgar manner in TV channels and newspapers,

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the years 2001, 2002 and 2003,

(c) the number of complaints made by the women among these complaints, and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the period 2001-2003 73 complaints were received against TV channels and print media for depicting women in vulgar manner. Out of these, 11 complaints were in respect of Television channels and 62 against print media. Of these, 18 complaints were received from women/women's organizations.

(d) Complaints against Television Channels were examined by the Committees, constituted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to look into the violation of the Programme/Advertisement Code, and, on the recommendation of the Committee, concerned TV channels were directed to stop the telecast of certain programmes/ advertisements.

In respect of Print media, the Press Council of India (PCI), a statutory autonomous self-regulatory body set up by the Government issued directions to the erring newspapers/ magazines to exercise restraint in

publication of objectionable photographs PCI also take *suo-motu* action against obscene/vulgar depiction of women

Functioning of DD and AIR under Prasar Bharati

†2097 SHRI KAPIL SIBAL
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether government have reviewed the functioning of Doordarshan and All India Radio after these institution have been brought under the Prasar Bharati,

(b) if so, the institutions which have been asked by Government to conduct the review, and

(c) the details of the improvement noticed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) (a) to (c) A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Shunu Sen, Chairman & Chief Executive, Quadra Advisory, Marketing Consultant was constituted on 22 11 1999 which submitted a detailed report to the Government on 20 5 2000 The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) under Chairmanship of Shri K P Geetha Krishnan in its report, submitted on 20 9 2000, also made recommendations on the rationalizing of the functions, activities and structure of the Ministry of I&B including AIR and Doordarshan Action in pursuance of the reports of the Committee is under examination in consultation with Prasar Bharati

Expenditure on DD news channel

†2098 SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN'
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated expenditure has been assessed for starting a new news channel on Doordarshan,

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